session and he had nothing more to add. The Government also appeared to be convinced of the reasonableness of the request. But no action had been so far taken in that direction. The matter was one which was a source of severe heart-burn to his community. Three years had elapsed since the report was published and yet their grievances remained unredressed. He, therefore, once again prayed that the objectionable portions in the report be expunged.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

37. Appointment of a Jenmi Member in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Devan Vasudevan Nambiatiri (Member, Jenmi, Kottayam Division) said that the Jenmies had a legitimate right to return a member to the Council on account of their large landed interests. Further, they would be unrepresented in the Council when the Jenmi Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill is taken up for consideration. The report was prejudicial to their interests already. If it was urged that their nominee should know English, they had a young graduate. He prayed that the long-standing prayer of the community be granted.

Mr. Narayanar Janardanar (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) said hat he agreed with the previous speaker and had nothing more to add.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

38. Appointment of a Mahomedan Member in the Legislative Council and a Mahomedan Judge in the High Court.

Mr. Gnaniar Sayyid Taha Sahib (Member, Nominated) said that the Mahomedans in the State numbered about 3 lakhs. In 75 per cent of the suits among them, religious questions arose for settlement. The questions mostly related to the appointment and removal of *Labbas* or to partition. Whenever there was a dispute among the Mahomedans, the first thing done was the closing of the mosques. All the religious principles concerning Mahomedanism were revealed through Mahomed, and so one versed in Koran alone would be able to settle the questions easily, and if there was a Mahomedan Judge in the High Court, such questions could be satisfactorily solved. The Member also urged the necessity for a Mahomedan member in the Legislative Council.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

39. Appointment of a member to represent the merchants of the State in the Legislative Council.

Mr. S. Ganapathi Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Trivandrum) said that the subject-matter of his request had already been pressed on the attention of Government at the 9th session of the Assembly. In connection with the proposed expansion of the Council, the interests of the mercantile community should be considered in view of the largeness and importance of that community, and one membership allotted to merchants.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion will be kept in view when the proposed Bill is passed into law, and rules are framed thereunder.

40. Need for giving the Cardamom land-holders a seat in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Sanyasi Mallayan Chetti (Member, Devicolam taluk) said that the need for nominating one of the cardamom ryots as a member of the Legislative Council had already been pressed before, both at the Assembly and through memorials. While each of the other divisions enjoyed the privilege of returning a member, the Devicolam Division alone remained unrepresented. The cardamom ryots were thus shut out from the benefits enjoyed by other people. He, therefore, requested that Government might be pleased to give the cardamom ryots the right to return a member to the Council.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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